

Ortman, Chris

From: (b) () ()
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 4:57 AM
To: DL - LAN TO (External)
Cc: DL - LAN TO; DL - LAN CC
Subject: SUBJECT: US-CERT Leadership Awareness Notice: Anonymous Launches Revenge Attack against Oakland Police Department after Occupy Protest [INITIAL]

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SUBJECT: US-CERT Leadership Awareness Notice: Anonymous Launches Revenge Attack against Oakland Police Department after Occupy Protest. [INITIAL]

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW:

The Anonymous hacktivist group has reportedly executed a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack against the Oakland Police Department's website according to SC magazine.

According to SC Magazine, www.oaklandpolice.com was unavailable early Thursday. The site was available as of Thursday evening.

Johnna Watson a spokeswoman for the Oakland Police Department told CNET that the department was looking into the matter.

Anonymous originally announced the attack via Twitter and posted contact information, schedules, badge numbers, and additional information of Oakland police officers on Pastebin. "The time has come to retaliate against Oakland police via all non-violent means, beginning with 'doxing' of individual officers and particularly higher-ups involved in the department's conduct of late".

Anonymous' operation, dubbed "OpUprise," comes in response to Tuesday night's police action towards a demonstration organized to protest the clearing of an encampment where Occupy Oakland members had been staying. Hackers have also targeted bankers, former U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, and an on duty New York police officer. They have also threatened to take down the Fox News website over its ongoing coverage of the protests.

DHS ROLE:

US-CERT has reached out to the FBI and MS-ISAC. MS-ISAC responded that all posts appear to contain publicly available information such as phone numbers, officer names, and badge numbers. MS-ISAC leadership will further review to determine the PII status of this information and whether PII notification is required.

INTERAGENCY / PRIVATE SECTOR ROLE:

US-CERT received notification from MS-ISAC that, as of this time, MS-ISAC has not concluded that any PII was posted to Pastebin.

PRESS ACTIVITY:

Multiple open source reports.

SOURCE:

<http://www.scmagazineus.com/anonymous-downs-oakland-police-site-after-violence/article/215433/>

http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-20126760-245/hackers-target-oakland-police-after-occupy-protest/

<http://uk.ibtimes.com/articles/238742/20111027/occupy-wall-street-anonymous-enact-revenge-attack-for-oakland-police-acts-of-brutality.htm>

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US-CERT Senior Watch Officer (SWO)

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From: (b) (X) ()
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 11:32 PM
To: DL - LAN TO (External)
Cc: DL - LAN TO; DL - LAN CC; US-CERT Senior Watch Officer
Subject: US-CERT Leadership Awareness Notice: AntiSec Releases Compromised Law Enforcement Data [INITIAL]

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SUBJECT: US-CERT Leadership Awareness Notice: AntiSec Releases Compromised Law Enforcement Data [INITIAL]

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW:

Via a post to Pastebin, Anonymous-related hacker group AntiSec claims to have compromised data from several law enforcement groups after compromising web servers of The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Matrix Group web development group, the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, and Alabama Police Department targets in the Birmingham/Jefferson County area. AntiSec claims the actions were in solidarity with the Occupy movement and the International Day of Action Against Police Brutality (October 22).

The Pastebin post contained the username/password and contact information/PII of the CEO of Matrix Group. The disclosure on pastebin also contained IACP webserver database information and a the contact list for the IACP.

AntiSec's post also includes webserver database information from the website of the Sheriff of Baldwin County, AL. The Sheriff's Office confirmed this is the second time their site was attacked in the past week, and said one of the hackers called their office to explain why they were attacked.

AntiSec claims to have additional compromised data that is listed below, but have not publicly disclosed it. They have not communicated a planned date of release of the data.

INTERNATIONAL CHIEF OF POLICE TARGETS:

- IACP membership rosters (16,000 names, addresses, member numbers, phone numbers, etc)
- Databases for all IACP related websites including login/password info
- DISCOVERPOLICECAREERS.ORG Internal Documents (250MB of PDFs, DOCs)
- POLICEVOLUNTEER.ORG Private Email List 2005-2011 and 340MB of Documents

BOSTON POLICE PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

- 1000 full names and cleartext user-supplied passwords.

ALABAMA POLICE TARGETS:

- 1000 names, ranks, addresses, phone numbers, and social security numbers for police officers in Birmingham / Jefferson County area, as well as names and passwords associated with SheriffOfBaldwin.com website

MATRIX GROUP:

- Full contact database including names, addresses, passwords for hundreds of employees and clients, and internal development notes for intranet and clients' portals

DHS ROLE:

US-CERT contacted the Matrix Group for additional information and offered assistance. Matrix advised the US-CERT that they are working with Law Enforcement (LE). US-CERT is working with MS-ISAC.

INTERAGENCY / PRIVATE SECTOR ROLE:

MS-ISAC is investigating the attack on the police websites. The State of Alabama raised

Cyber alert level to elevated yellow due to significant havtivist activity, Matrix Group and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is working with the USSS.

PRESS ACTIVITY:

Minimal. Only two articles found as of 2200 EDT on October 21, 2011.

SOURCE:

<http://pastebin.com/XvgYShe2>

<http://www.thetechherald.com/article.php/201142/7764/AntiSec-targeting-law-enforcement-in-support-of-Occupy-Wall-Street>

<http://gawker.com/5852297/anonymous-hacks-police-websites-and-data-to-support-occupy-wall-street>

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Regards,

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Senior Watch Officer
US-CERT Security Operations Center

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Ortman, Chris

From: Davis, Robert M
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 1:23 PM
To: Ortman, Chris
Subject: Re: WSJ on Occupy Wall Street and FPS security posture

Trying!

From: Ortman, Chris
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 01:16 PM
To: Davis, Robert M; (b) (6)
Cc: Colburn, Brent; Chandler, Matthew
Subject: Re: WSJ on Occupy Wall Street and FPS security posture

Thanks, Bob. Best FPS answer ever, ;).

From: Davis, Robert M
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 12:55 PM
To: Ortman, Chris; (b) (6)
Cc: Colburn, Brent; Chandler, Matthew
Subject: RE: WSJ on Occupy Wall Street and FPS security posture

No, there has not been a change in posture in our readiness or response. We are treating all of these protests nationwide as peaceful demonstrations

Very Respectfully,

Rob Winchester
Director of Public Affairs
Federal Protective Service
800 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20536

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From: Ortman, Chris
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 12:12 PM
To: Davis, Robert M; (b) (6)
Cc: Colburn, Brent; Chandler, Matthew
Subject: WSJ on Occupy Wall Street and FPS security posture

Scott/Bob,

WSJ is asking if there has been any change in security or posture at the Federal Reserve in DC since the Occupy Wall Street protests, and for that matter, the Federal Reserve building in NYC. Anecdotal, he says he knows that the car barriers have been raised up (the kind that come up out of the street on hydraulics), but given the Federal Reserve proximity to the State Department, it could be unrelated to the OWS protests.

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Can you guys please check in with FPS?

Thanks,

Chris Ortman

Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Ortman, Chris

From: Schaffer, Gregory
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 8:36 AM
To: Ortman, Chris; Edwards, Marty
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Anonymous and Wall Street protests

Roger

From: Ortman, Chris
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 08:25 AM
To: Schaffer, Gregory; Edwards, Marty
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Anonymous and Wall Street protests

Here it is. That answer works -- (b) ()

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THanks,
 Chris

From: Schaffer, Gregory
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 8:21 AM
To: Ortman, Chris; Edwards, Marty
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Anonymous and Wall Street protests

I have not fielded that question, (b) ()

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Can someone send me the NCCIC bulletin. I have read but will refresh.

From: Ortman, Chris
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 08:07 AM
To: Edwards, Marty; Schaffer, Gregory
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Anonymous and Wall Street protests

Given the media coverage and the fact we put an NCCIC bulletin out on this, there's a chance we may get questions about the Occupy Wall Street protests.

I'm thinking we just make clear that using social media organize protests is well within constitutional rights; when it becomes our business if social media is used by hacktivist groups to plan cyber attacks. Greg, in particular, is this a question you have fielded before?

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Thanks,

Chris Ortman

Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Cc: Colburn, Brent; Chandler, Matthew
Subject: RE: WSJ on Occupy Wall Street and FPS security posture

Checking.

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Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Ortman, Chris

From: O'Kane, Megan
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 6:02 PM
To: Ortman, Chris
Subject: Fw: Talkers re: Fusion Centers and Occupy Wall Street?

Hey Chris.

David is speaking at 8:30 tomorrow a.m. Would be great to see the TPs before then.

Thanks,

Megan
Sent from my BlackBerry wireless communicator

From: O'Kane, Megan
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 01:24 PM
To: Ortman, Chris J [REDACTED] (b) (6) >
Subject: Talkers re: Fusion Centers and Occupy Wall Street?

Hi Chris,

Our Director of CRCL Programs, David Gersten, is conducting one of our civil rights, civil liberties and privacy trainings for staff at the Fusion Center in Richmond tomorrow. We'd like to know if OPA has developed any talking points on Fusion Centers and Occupy Wall Street. Would be good to have these on hand in case any questions come up.

Thanks for letting me know.

Megan

Megan O'Kane
Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Please note my new email address: [REDACTED] (b) (6)

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Ortman, Chris

From: Winchester, Robert L [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 9:14 AM
To: Ortman, Chris
Subject: Re: FPS mentioned: WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Roger that, I am on leave and it never stops.

From: Ortman, Chris [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 08:11 AM
To: Winchester, Robert L
Subject: RE: FPS mentioned: WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Never a problem. For better or worse, it's the nature of the job to be on call 24/7. I have my blackberry with me all the time, and last night there were a couple other minor fires going on, so I was working already.

From: Winchester, Robert L [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 9:05 AM
To: Ortman, Chris
Subject: Re: FPS mentioned: WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Thanks for the direction last night as well. Hated to bother you that late.

From: Ortman, Chris [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 07:58 AM
To: Winchester, Robert L; Davis, Robert M
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: FPS mentioned: WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Thanks, appreciate it.

From: Winchester, Robert L [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 8:53 AM
To: Ortman, Chris; Davis, Robert M
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: FPS mentioned: WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 1, 2011

I thought so but wanted to make y'all aware. Thanks!

From: Ortman, Chris [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 07:47 AM
To: Davis, Robert M; Winchester, Robert L
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: FPS mentioned: WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Yep, we prepped him.

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From: Davis, Robert M
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 8:43 AM
To: Winchester, Robert L
Cc: (b) (6) Ortman, Chris
Subject: RE: FPS mentioned: WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Thanks Rob.
 Good answer by Carney

From: Winchester, Robert L [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 8:20 AM
To: Davis, Robert M
Subject: Fw: FPS mentioned: WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 1, 2011

FYI

From: Cline, Richard K (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 04:42 PM
To: Patterson, Leonard E
Cc: Bryan, Michelle C (FPS COS) (b) (6); Lovato, David L (b) (6); Winchester, Robert L (b) (6)
Subject: FPS mentioned: WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 1, 2011

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JAY CARNEY HOLDS WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING
 WHITE HOUSE REGULAR NEWS BRIEFING
 NOVEMBER 1, 2011

SPEAKER: WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JAY CARNEY

[*] CARNEY: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the White House. Thanks for being here for your daily briefing. I don't have any announcements to make at the top, so I'll go straight to your questions.

QUESTION: Thank you. I'd like to talk about the Occupy movements. In Portland last night federal security officers joined with Portland police in clearing out and arresting campers who were staying overnight in a federal plaza.

What is the federal policy on dealing with these protesters?

CARNEY: Well, this is, I think, a unique circumstance, the first of its kind. I would -- I would refer to DHS in this case, because it was -- involved, I think, the **Federal Protective Service**, as well as local Portland authorities.

You know, our broad posture here is that we understand the frustrations that have been expressed by many Americans in different cities across the country about, broadly speaking, the economy, and also about the need for Wall Street to, you know, work by the same rules that Main Street works by.

It's also the case, as I said in answer to questions about situations in other cities, that it -- you know, everyone needs to behave, handle themselves in a lawful way. And -- but I don't have anything specific about that particular incident.

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QUESTION: I just didn't know if that was usual for them to be involved.

CARNEY: Well, I think the case -- the issue here was that it was federal property. So it, just as, you know, something happens in one of the federal parks here might involve the National Park Service or something like that. So I think that was the -- the reason in this case.

Kris Cline
Deputy Director for Operations
Federal Protective Service

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 4:09 PM
To: Ortman, Chris
Cc: Davis, Robert M
Subject: FPS

Chris,

Heads up – an organization is planning to protest at the State Department's conference tomorrow at the Ronald Reagan Building on the Keystone pipeline to Canada – <http://www.wearepowershift.org/blogs/climate-movement-stands-occupywallst-tonight-well-occupystatedept> -- they're trying to model the Occupy Wall Street group.

It looks like some are going to spend the night at the RRB. They have a permit to stay at Freedom Plaza across the street, but people are not allowed to sleep in the RRB or on the sidewalk out front (though the building is open 24 hours, and so they can go inside if they go through security and can stay as long as they remain peaceful). If people attempt to set up camp to sleep in the building, FPS will ask them to leave and if they refuse, they will be arrested (by either FPS or DC Police Department, whoever responds first).

Below is a draft statement to have at the ready, if that happens.

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Let me know if this works, and if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Scott

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Ortman, Chris

From: Davis, Robert M
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 5:44 PM
To: Ortman, Chris
Subject: FW: *UPDATE*-Demonstration-Peaceful/Planned-Spot Report-Region 2-11P083304

FYI ... the NYC protest is still growing ...

-----Original Message-----

From: Winchester, Robert L [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 5:27 PM
To: Davis, Robert M; McConnell, Scott
Subject: FW: *UPDATE*-Demonstration-Peaceful/Planned-Spot Report-Region 2-11P083304

Crowd has swelled to 10,000 still peaceful.

Very Respectfully,

Rob Winchester
Director of Public Affairs
Federal Protective Service
800 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20536

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-----Original Message-----

From: Philadelphia MegaCenter
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 5:23 PM
Subject: *UPDATE*-Demonstration-Peaceful/Planned-Spot Report-Region 2-11P083304

Spot Report 11P083304
Philadelphia MegaCenter
Event ID 11083304
Operator 98
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UPDATE 10/05/2011 @ 17:09
2P236 (b) (6) reported at 17:05 hours that NYPD estimates the crowd has swelled to approximately 10,000 people and the numbers may go higher. The protest remains peaceful.

1. Crime/Incident:
Demonstration-Peaceful/Planned

2. Summary:
2V12 (b) (6) reported to the Philadelphia MegaCenter at approximately 15:45 hours that a group of protestors has assembled at this location. The Occupy Wall Street group is currently on the Lafayette St side at Foley Square peacefully protesting union solidarity issues and it consists of approximately 500-1000 people. In addition to street closures effected by NYPD, (b) (6) (b) (6) are also present.

3. Date/Time of Incident:
10/05/2011 @ 15:44

4. City/State:
NEW YORK-MANHATTAN, NY

5. Point of Contact:
Officer, (b) (6) / (b) (6) (c) 6. Case Control Number:

Not yet generated

7. Incident Activity Code:
1420

8. Building Name:

(b) (6)

9. Address:

26 FEDERAL PLAZA

10. Agent/Officer Assigned:

(b) (6)

11. Prepared By:

Operator 147

(b) (6)

Operator 155

(b) (6)

12. MegaCenter Notification:

10/05/2011 @ 14:59 Eastern

13. Authorized By:

SOP

14. Transmitted:

10/05/2011 @ 16:08 Eastern

15. Spot Report #:

11P083304

Philadelphia MegaCenter

1-877-4FPS-411

Supervisor Direct (b) (6)

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Ortman, Chris

From: Chandler, Matthew
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 12:44 PM
To: Ortman, Chris
Subject: Fw: NY1 News Inquiry
Importance: High
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Kim, Jennifer [mailto: (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 12:43 PM
To: 'Matthew.Chandler (b) (6)'
Cc: Smith, Rachel (b) (6); Salazar, Joselina (b) (6); Steiner, Jessica (b) (6)
Subject: NY1 News Inquiry

Hi Matthew,

Hope you are doing well—wondering how the Dept. of Homeland Security is responding to “Occupy Wall Street” that is supposed to start tomorrow and last for two months.

Also, hearing about the possible cyber attacks that DHS has been warning about. Is there some type of comment that DHS can give us?

Thank you,



Jenni Kim

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From: Vazquez, Joe L (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 1:08 PM
To: mediainquiry@dhs.gov
Subject: from KPIX-TV, San Francisco
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hi, friends -

could you please confirm that the DHS "bulletins" in this Associated Press story (below) are authentic? Here's a link to one of the purported bulletins:

<http://publicintelligence.net/dhs-bulletin-anonymouslulzsec-has-continued-success-using-rudimentary-hacking-methods/>

And here's a story purporting to quote a DHS spokesperson authenticating them to another reporter:

<http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/security/231300175>

Please write back at (b) (6) or call me at (b) (6).

Thanks,

Joe Vazquez
 Reporter
 CBS 5 / KPIX-TV
 (b) (6)

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Hacker group Anonymous draws increased scrutiny from feds

By: PAUL ELIAS | 09/11/11 2:12 PM
 Associated Press

Anonymous is not so anonymous anymore.

The computer hackers, chat room denizens and young people who comprise the loosely affiliated Internet collective have increasingly turned to questionable tactics, drawing the attention of the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and other federal investigators.

What was once a small group of pranksters has become a potential national security threat, federal officials say. The FBI has carried out more than 75 raids and arrested 16 people this year in connection with illegal hacking jobs claimed by Anonymous.

Since June, the Department of Homeland Security has issued three "bulletins" warning cyber-security professionals of hacking successes and future threats by Anonymous and related groups, including a call

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to physically occupy Manhattan's Wall Street on Sept. 17 in protest of various U.S. government policies.

San Francisco police arrested more than 40 protesters last month during a rowdy demonstration organized by Anonymous that disrupted the evening commute. The group called for the demonstration after the Bay Area Rapid Transit system shut off its cell service in San Francisco stations to quell a planned protest over police shooting on a subway platform.

"Anonymous' activities increased throughout 2011 with a number of high-profile attacks targeting both public and private sector entities," one of the bulletins issued last month said.

Some members of the group have also called for shutting down Facebook in November over privacy issues, although other Anonymous followers are disavowing such an attack - underscoring just how loosely organized the group is and how problematic it is to police.

"Anonymous insist they have no centralized operational leadership, which has been a significant hurdle for government and law enforcement entities attempting to curb their actions," an Aug. 1 Homeland Security bulletin noted. "With that being said, we assess with high confidence that Anonymous and associated groups will continue to exploit vulnerable publicly available Web servers, websites, computer networks, and other digital information mediums for the foreseeable future."

Followers posting to Twitter and chatting in Internet Relay Channels insist there are no defined leaders of Anonymous and that it's more of a philosophy than a formal club, though a small group of members do the most organizing online.

"Anonymous is not a group, it does not have leaders, people can do ANYTHING under the flag of their country," wrote one of the more vocal members who asked not to be identified.

"Anything can be a threat to National Security, really," the member said in an email interview. "Any hacker group can be."

The member said that the group as a whole wasn't a national security threat, but conceded some individuals acting as Anonymous may be considered dangerous.

DHS' latest bulletin, issued Sept. 3, warned the group has been using social media networks to urge followers working in the financial industry to sabotage their employers' computer systems.

The DHS warning comes on the heels of several Anonymous-led protests of the Bay Area's transit agency that led to FBI raids of 35 homes and dozens of arrests, as well as to the indictment of 14 followers in July on felony computer hacking charges in connection with a coordinated "denial of service attack" against Paypal's website last year.

Security officials said the "DDoS" attacks occur when a website is overwhelmed by malicious messages carried out by thousands of followers, usually with easily downloadable software.

"Anonymous has shown through recently reported incidents that it has members who have relatively more advanced technical capabilities who can also marshal large numbers of willing, but less technical, participants for DDoS activities," the August DHS bulletin said.

Anonymous orchestrated the crashing of Paypal late last year after the online financial service suspended Wikileaks' account after the website published confidential diplomatic cables and other sensitive U.S. government intelligence. The group also targeted Visa, Mastercard and others for the same reason and has carried out several other hacks during the year. Last month, for example, the group claimed responsibility for hacking a website belonging to the Bay Area Rapid Transit agency and releasing personal information of 2,000 passengers. "Anonymous is incredibly active," said Josh Shaul, chief technology officer of Application Security, Inc., a New York-based provider of database security software. It's rare to have a hacking group willing to work outside of the shadows. These guys are quite brazen."

Anonymous emerged in 2003 from an Internet chat channel where members organized random Web incidents for their own amusement. By 2008, the prankster nature of Anonymous morphed into "hacktivism," where members sabotaged websites and leaked confidential information for political purposes.

Investigators suspect a splinter Anonymous group known as LulzSec was responsible for a June 15 denial of service attack on the CIA's public website.

This summer, Anonymous claimed credit for hacking into a Booz Allen Hamilton website and leaking email addresses of 90,000 U.S. military personnel and hacking a Monsanto Co. website and releasing personal data of 2,500 employees.

Until July, law enforcement officials around the world had arrested just a handful of suspected hackers thought to be affiliated with Anonymous. But on July 19, the FBI fanned out across the United States and raided more than 35 homes, seizing dozens of computers and arrested 16 on charges that they participated in the Paypal attack. In response, Anonymous said it hacked a website on Sept. 1 belonging to police chiefs in Texas. The group posted personal information such as emails about internal investigations before the site was shut down.

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Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 1:25 PM
To: Ortman, Chris J
Subject: Re: Anonymous bulletin

Ok, thanks so much

----- Original Message -----

From: Chris Ortman <(b) (6)>
To: LAURA MARCINEK (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)
At: 9/15 13:24:05

Yes. Confirmed authenticity is preferred.

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Working on a story about this occupywallstreet movement. Just as a heads up, when we used "obtained by," we need to have a line in the story saying that someone confirmed the contents of the memo. Can I put this line in the story?

"Chris Ortman, a spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security, confirmed the contents of the bulletin."

Thanks again.

Best,
Laura Marcinek

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To: LAURA MARCINEK (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)
At: 9/14 18:31:55

As discussed, I'm providing the bulletin under 'as obtained' conditions. You can use the below explanation on background from a DHS official.

Thanks for your patience. - Chris

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Yes ma'am, this is an accurate statement.

Kris Cline
Deputy Director for Operations
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Eileen asked about this as well, adding Andrew and Bob. Is I/A or the fusion centers holding conf calls on this topic? Is FPS?

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Dear DHS,

Reuters is doing a story about the coordinated clearing of Occupy Wall Street encampments across the country. Our question is, did the Department of Homeland Security and/or the FBI help mayors coordinate the clearing of the sites? How?

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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Correspondent
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Boogaard, Peter

From: Boogaard, Peter
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To: Chris Ortman
Subject: Occupy request

Just came in. we are handling, but if there is any Intel we wouldn't know, let me now.

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Office of Public Affairs
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From: Ortman, Chris
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 4:13 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: Davis, Robert M; Boogaard, Peter; Chandler, Matthew
Subject: RE: FPS

Thanks. Keep us posted. Adding Matt and Pete for vis. I will be out tomorrow.

Chris Ortman
Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 4:09 PM
To: Ortman, Chris
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Subject: FPS

Chris,

Heads up – an organization is planning to protest at the State Department’s conference tomorrow at the Ronald Reagan Building on the Keystone pipeline to Canada – <http://www.wearepowershift.org/blogs/climate-movement-stands-occupywallst-tonight-well-occupystatedept> – they’re trying to model the Occupy Wall Street group.

It looks like some are going to spend the night at the RRB. They have a permit to stay at Freedom Plaza across the street, but people are not allowed to sleep in the RRB or on the sidewalk out front (though the building is open 24 hours, and so they can go inside if they go through security and can stay as long as they remain peaceful). If people attempt to set up camp to sleep in the building, FPS will ask them to leave and if they refuse, they will be arrested (by either FPS or DC Police Department, whoever responds first).

Below is a draft statement to have at the ready, if that happens.

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Let me know if this works, and if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Scott

Boogaard, Peter

From: Ortman, Chris (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 4:32 PM
To: Inquiry, Media; (b) (6) Royster, Kristin
Subject: RE: Bloomberg News

- reporter, plus CS&C. Matt, let's discuss.

-----Original Message-----

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[mailto:(b) (6)]
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To: Inquiry, Media
Subject: Bloomberg News

Hi,

We've been reading about an #occupywallstreet movement, and we've heard that the Department of Homeland Security has issued a bulletin to banks about this. I'm wondering if the DHS can pass along a copy of this bulletin to Bloomberg News.

I'm also interested in asking someone a couple of questions about this movement.

Thanks so much, and I'm looking forward to hearing back.

Best,
Laura Marcinek

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Bloomberg News

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Boogaard, Peter

From: Vazquez, Joe L (b) (6) ||
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 1:08 PM
To: mediainquiry@dhs.gov
Subject: from KPIX-TV, San Francisco

Hi, friends -

could you please confirm that the DHS "bulletins" in this Associated Press story (below) are authentic? Here's a link to one of the purported bulletins:

<http://publicintelligence.net/dhs-bulletin-anonymouslulzsec-has-continued-success-using-rudimentary-hacking-methods/>

And here's a story purporting to quote a DHS spokesperson authenticating them to another reporter:

<http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/security/231300175>

Please write back at (b) (6) or call me at (b) (6).

Thanks,

Joe Vazquez

Reporter

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Hacker group Anonymous draws increased scrutiny from feds

By: PAUL ELIAS | 09/11/11 2:12 PM
Associated Press

Anonymous is not so anonymous anymore.
The computer hackers, chat room denizens and young people who comprise the loosely affiliated Internet collective have

increasingly turned to questionable tactics, drawing the attention of the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and other federal investigators.

What was once a small group of pranksters has become a potential national security threat, federal officials say. The FBI has carried out more than 75 raids and arrested 16 people this year in connection with illegal hacking jobs claimed by Anonymous.

Since June, the Department of Homeland Security has issued three "bulletins" warning cyber-security professionals of hacking successes and future threats by Anonymous and related groups, including a call to physically occupy Manhattan's Wall Street on Sept. 17 in protest of various U.S. government policies.

San Francisco police arrested more than 40 protesters last month during a rowdy demonstration organized by Anonymous that disrupted the evening commute. The group called for the demonstration after the Bay Area Rapid Transit system shut off its cell service in San Francisco stations to quell a planned protest over police shooting on a subway platform.

"Anonymous' activities increased throughout 2011 with a number of high-profile attacks targeting both public and private sector entities," one of the bulletins issued last month said.

Some members of the group have also called for shutting down Facebook in November over privacy issues, although other Anonymous followers are disavowing such an attack - underscoring just how loosely organized the group is and how problematic it is to police.

"Anonymous insist they have no centralized operational leadership, which has been a significant hurdle for government and law enforcement entities attempting to curb their actions," an Aug. 1 Homeland Security bulletin noted. "With that being said, we assess with high confidence that Anonymous and associated groups will continue to exploit vulnerable publicly available Web servers, websites, computer networks, and other digital information mediums for the foreseeable future."

Followers posting to Twitter and chatting in Internet Relay Channels insist there are no defined leaders of Anonymous and that it's more of a philosophy than a formal club, though a small group of members do the most organizing online.

"Anonymous is not a group, it does not have leaders, people can do ANYTHING under the flag of their country," wrote one of the more vocal members who asked not to be identified.

"Anything can be a threat to National Security, really," the member said in an email interview. "Any hacker group can be." The member said that the group as a whole wasn't a national security threat, but conceded some individuals acting as Anonymous may be considered dangerous.

DHS' latest bulletin, issued Sept. 3, warned the group has been using social media networks to urge followers working in the financial industry to sabotage their employers' computer systems.

The DHS warning comes on the heels of several Anonymous-led protests of the Bay Area's transit agency that led to FBI raids of 35 homes and dozens of arrests, as well as to the indictment of 14 followers in July on felony computer hacking charges in connection with a coordinated "denial of service attack" against Paypal's website last year.

Security officials said the "DDoS" attacks occur when a website is overwhelmed by malicious messages carried out by thousands of followers, usually with easily downloadable software.

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To: Cline, Richard K; Spaulding, Suzanne; Davis, Robert M; Chandler, Matthew
Cc: Winchester, Robert L; (b) (6) (b) (6) Lluberes, Andrew; Media Inquiry; Colburn, Brent; Boogaard, Peter
Subject: Re: CBS NEWS MEDIA REQUEST

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ON BACKGROUND

FPS only has jurisdiction when a protest takes place on federal property, and in some cases, shares that jurisdiction with local authorities.

The GSA is the permitting authority for protests on federal property.

From: Cline, Richard K [mailto: (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 03:24 PM
To: Spaulding, Suzanne; Davis, Robert M; Chandler, Matthew
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Yes ma'am, this is an accurate statement.

Kris Cline
Deputy Director for Operations
Federal Protective Service

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From: Spaulding, Suzanne [mailto: (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 3:17 PM
To: Davis, Robert M; Chandler, Matthew
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Kris-- is that accurate?

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Matt,

Since these protests are lawfully protected First Amendment activities, we are treating all "Occupy" demonstrations as peaceful. We are working with GSA and each city government to ensure that all parties concerned are safe and secure.

When a protest area on Federal property is deemed unsanitary or unsafe by GSA or a city, we work with those officials to develop a plan to evacuate the participants in a safe manner.

We have held standard coordination calls and face-to-face meetings with our partners to ensure that the proper resources are available for operations such as street closures, etc. The only eviction FPS has been involved with was assisting the Portland Police Bureau at the federally-owned Terry Schrunk Plaza where FPS arrested two people.

Bob

From: Chandler, Matthew

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 2:42 PM

To: Davis, Robert M; Spaulding, Suzanne; Cline, Richard K

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Subject: RE: CBS NEWS MEDIA REQUEST

And now Salon. This is getting legs. Any info would be greatly appreciated ASAP.

From: Davis, Robert M

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 2:32 PM

To: Spaulding, Suzanne; Cline, Richard K

Cc: Winchester, Robert L; (b) (6) (b) (6) Ortman, Chris; Chandler, Matthew; Llubes, Andrew; Inquiry, Media

Subject: FW: CBS NEWS MEDIA REQUEST

AP and CBS are asking about our relationship with cities dealing with "occupy protestors" ... how would we describe our activities?

From: Chandler, Matthew

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 2:01 PM

To: 'MediaInquiry@DHS.gov'; Llubes, Andrew; Davis, Robert M

Cc: Colburn, Brent

Subject: Re: CBS NEWS MEDIA REQUEST

Eileen asked about this as well, adding Andrew and Bob. Is I/A or the fusion centers holding conf calls on this topic? Is FPS?

From: Shaban, Bigad [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 01:58 PM

To: 'MediaInquiry@DHS.gov' <MediaInquiry@DHS.gov>

Subject: CBS NEWS MEDIA REQUEST

Hi there,

My name is Bigad Shaban and I am a correspondent with CBS News (national).

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Published reports note a relationship between the federal government and cities orchestrating the removal of "Occupy protestors" from makeshift camp sites.

<http://reason.com/blog/2011/11/16/obama-administration-allegedly-helped-co>

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Boogaard, Peter

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 3:25 PM
To: mediainquiry@dhs.gov
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Reuters question and Occup encampments

Dear DHS,

Reuters is doing a story about the coordinated clearing of Occupy Wall Street encampments across the country. Our question is, did the Department of Homeland Security and/or the FBI help mayors coordinate the clearing of the sites? How?

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ian Simpson
Correspondent
Reuters America Service
Thomson Reuters
Suite 500
1333 H St. NW
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Boogaard, Peter

From: Boogaard, Peter
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 2:06 PM
To: Chris Ortman
Subject: Occupy request

Just came in. We are handling, but if there is any intel we wouldn't know, let me now.

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Peter Boogaard

Deputy Press Secretary

Office of Public Affairs

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Boogaard, Peter

From: Ortman, Chris
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 4:13 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: Davis, Robert M; Boogaard, Peter; Chandler, Matthew
Subject: RE: FPS

Thanks. Keep us posted. Adding Matt and Pete for vis. I will be out tomorrow.

Chris Ortman
Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 4:09 PM
To: Ortman, Chris
Cc: Davis, Robert M
Subject: FPS

Chris,

Heads up -- an organization is planning to protest at the State Department's conference tomorrow at the Ronald Reagan Building on the Keystone pipeline to Canada -- <http://www.wearepowershift.org/blogs/climate-movement-stands-occupywallst-tonight-well-occupystatedept> -- they're trying to model the Occupy Wall Street group.

It looks like some are going to spend the night at the RRB. They have a permit to stay at Freedom Plaza across the street, but people are not allowed to sleep in the RRB or on the sidewalk out front (though the building is open 24 hours, and so they can go inside if they go through security and can stay as long as they remain peaceful). If people attempt to set up camp to sleep in the building, FPS will ask them to leave and if they refuse, they will be arrested (by either FPS or DC Police Department, whoever responds first).

Below is a draft statement to have at the ready, if that happens.

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Let me know if this works, and if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Scott

Boogaard, Peter

From: Ortman, Chris (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 4:32 PM
To: Inquiry, Media; (b) (6) Royster, Kristin
Subject: RE: Bloomberg News

- reporter, plus CS&C. Matt, let's discuss.

-----Original Message-----

From: LAURA MARCINEK, BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:
[mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Inquiry, Media
Subject: Bloomberg News

Hi,

We've been reading about an #occupywallstreet movement, and we've heard that the Department of Homeland Security has issued a bulletin to banks about this. I'm wondering if the DHS can pass along a copy of this bulletin to Bloomberg News.

I'm also interested in asking someone a couple of questions about this movement.

Thanks so much, and I'm looking forward to hearing back.

Best,
Laura Marcinek

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Bloomberg News

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Boogaard, Peter

From: Vazquez, Joe L (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 1:08 PM
To: mediainquiry@dhs.gov
Subject: from KPIX-TV, San Francisco

Hi, friends -

could you please confirm that the DHS "bulletins" in this Associated Press story (below) are authentic? Here's a link to one of the purported bulletins:

<http://publicintelligence.net/dhs-bulletin-anonymouslulzsec-has-continued-success-using-rudimentary-hacking-methods/>

And here's a story purporting to quote a DHS spokesperson authenticating them to another reporter:

<http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/security/231300175>

Please write back at (b) (6) or call me at (b) (6)

Thanks,

Joe Vazquez

Reporter

CBS 5 / KPIX-TV

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Friend me on Facebook

Follow me on Twitter

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Hacker group Anonymous draws increased scrutiny from feds

By: PAUL ELIAS | 09/11/11 2:12 PM
Associated Press

Anonymous is not so anonymous anymore.

The computer hackers, chat room denizens and young people who comprise the loosely affiliated Internet collective have

increasingly turned to questionable tactics, drawing the attention of the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and other federal investigators.

What was once a small group of pranksters has become a potential national security threat, federal officials say. The FBI has carried out more than 75 raids and arrested 16 people this year in connection with illegal hacking jobs claimed by Anonymous.

Since June, the Department of Homeland Security has issued three "bulletins" warning cyber-security professionals of hacking successes and future threats by Anonymous and related groups, including a call to physically occupy Manhattan's Wall Street on Sept. 17 in protest of various U.S. government policies.

San Francisco police arrested more than 40 protesters last month during a rowdy demonstration organized by Anonymous that disrupted the evening commute. The group called for the demonstration after the Bay Area Rapid Transit system shut off its cell service in San Francisco stations to quell a planned protest over police shooting on a subway platform.

"Anonymous' activities increased throughout 2011 with a number of high-profile attacks targeting both public and private sector entities," one of the bulletins issued last month said.

Some members of the group have also called for shutting down Facebook in November over privacy issues, although other Anonymous followers are disavowing such an attack - underscoring just how loosely organized the group is and how problematic it is to police.

"Anonymous insist they have no centralized operational leadership, which has been a significant hurdle for government and law enforcement entities attempting to curb their actions," an Aug. 1 Homeland Security bulletin noted. "With that being said, we assess with high confidence that Anonymous and associated groups will continue to exploit vulnerable publicly available Web servers, websites, computer networks, and other digital information mediums for the foreseeable future."

Followers posting to Twitter and chatting in Internet Relay Channels insist there are no defined leaders of Anonymous and that it's more of a philosophy than a formal club, though a small group of members do the most organizing online.

"Anonymous is not a group, it does not have leaders, people can do ANYTHING under the flag of their country," wrote one of the more vocal members who asked not to be identified.

"Anything can be a threat to National Security, really," the member said in an email interview. "Any hacker group can be." The member said that the group as a whole wasn't a national security threat, but conceded some individuals acting as Anonymous may be considered dangerous.

DHS' latest bulletin, issued Sept. 3, warned the group has been using social media networks to urge followers working in the financial industry to sabotage their employers' computer systems.

The DHS warning comes on the heels of several Anonymous-led protests of the Bay Area's transit agency that led to FBI raids of 35 homes and dozens of arrests, as well as to the indictment of 14 followers in July on felony computer hacking charges in connection with a coordinated "denial of service attack" against Paypal's website last year.

Security officials said the "DDoS" attacks occur when a website is overwhelmed by malicious messages carried out by thousands of followers, usually with easily downloadable software.

"Anonymous has shown through recently reported incidents that it has members who have relatively more advanced technical capabilities who can also marshal large numbers of willing, but less technical, participants for DDoS activities," the August DHS bulletin said.

Anonymous orchestrated the crashing of Paypal late last year after the online financial service suspended WikiLeaks' account after the website published confidential diplomatic cables and other sensitive U.S. government intelligence. The group also targeted Visa, Mastercard and others for the same reason and has carried out several other hacks during the year. Last month, for example, the group claimed responsibility for hacking a website belonging to the Bay Area Rapid Transit agency and releasing personal information of 2,000 passengers.

"Anonymous is incredibly active," said Josh Shaul, chief technology officer of Application Security, Inc., a New York-based provider of database security software. It's rare to have a hacking group willing to work outside of the shadows. These guys are quite brazen."

Anonymous emerged in 2003 from an Internet chat channel where members organized random Web incidents for their own amusement. By 2008, the prankster nature of Anonymous morphed into "hacktivism," where members sabotaged websites and leaked confidential information for political purposes.

Investigators suspect a splinter Anonymous group known as LulzSec was responsible for a June 15 denial of service attack on the CIA's public website.

This summer, Anonymous claimed credit for hacking into a Booz Allen Hamilton website and leaking email addresses of 90,000 U.S. military personnel and hacking a Monsanto Co. website and releasing personal data of 2,500 employees. Until July, law enforcement officials around the world had arrested just a handful of suspected hackers thought to be affiliated with Anonymous. But on July 19, the FBI fanned out across the United States and raided more than 35 homes, seizing dozens of computers and arrested 16 on charges that they participated in the Paypal attack.

In response, Anonymous said it hacked a website on Sept. 1 belonging to police chiefs in Texas. The group posted personal information such as emails about internal investigations before the site was shut down.

FBI investigators in court filings said that the raids and arrests were made from a list of 1,000 computer users that Paypal cyber-security workers identified as the most active attackers. The fourteen appearing in San Jose federal court have pleaded not guilty and were released on bail after promising not to access Twitter, Facebook and other social media sites. The DHS defines script kiddies as: "Unskilled individuals who use scripts or programs developed by others to attack computer systems and networks and deface w

Most of the defendants were younger than 30. Security experts and the Department of Homeland Security say most of Anonymous followers are so-called "script kiddies," young people who carry out the attacks and who are "less skilled hackers" than the vocal group members who call for the protests and attacks.

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From: Lehrich, Matt | (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 5:56 PM
To: Chandler, Matthew
Subject: RE: Full Text: Huffington Post Piece

Gracias, Sr. Suarez

From: Chandler, Matthew [mailto: (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 5:55 PM
To: Lehrich, Matt; Colburn, Brent
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http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/11/18/occupy-wall-street-crackdowns_n_1101685.html?1321655379

From: Lehrich, Matt [mailto: (b) (6)]
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Adding Chandler

From: Lehrich, Matt [mailto: (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 5:10 PM
To: Colburn, Brent (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Full Text: Huffington Post Piece

FBI response finally. See below. Can you guys get in this story?

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 5:09 PM
To: Lehrich, Matt
Subject: Fwd: Full Text: Huffington Post Piece

Occupy Wall Street Crackdowns: Was The Federal Government Involved?

In the wake of raids on Occupy Wall Street encampments in multiple cities, some, like AlterNet, have wondered whether federal law enforcement spent time and resources coordinating with local authorities to crackdown on the protests.

On Tuesday, The Examiner published a story quoting an anonymous Justice Department official who said local police agencies "had received tactical and planning advice from national agencies" including the FBI and Homeland Security.

That assertion was denied by the FBI in an official response sent to The Huffington Post.

"Recent published blogs and news stories have reported the FBI has coordinated with local police departments on strategy and tactics to be employed in addressing Occupy Wall Street protestors," the response said. "These reports are false. At no time has the FBI engaged with local police in this capacity."

The Examiner's source, who still reportedly stands by his story insists that the FBI advised local law enforcement on press relations, including "one presentation suggesting that any moves to evict protesters be coordinated for a time when the press was the least likely to be present."

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) did not respond to request for comment from HuffPost by deadline. But on background, department officials did tell The Examiner that the department played a "limited" role in breaking up the encampments.

Homeland Security's involvement included making several arrests at a federally owned plaza in Portland.

Nevertheless, DHS officials told The Examiner the department is "not actively coordinating with local governments or police agencies on the 'Occupy' evictions," a statement that "leaves a lot of room for advice, both tactical and otherwise," according to journalist Rick Ellis.

In New York City, NYPD spokesperson Paul Browne told HuffPost that his department did not work with any federal authorities before or after the raid on Zuccotti Park.

"NYPD enforcement action re: OWS was accomplished with no involvement by federal authorities (no coordination with them either)," Browne said in an email.

Occupy protester Max Berger, who is a member of the OWS direct action working group, said he's not sure the feds are being honest about their involvement in the raids. Berger told HuffPost he was arrested during the Zuccotti raid and held for 24 hours before being let go without any charges.

"I would be surprised if there was not some federal level of planning involved, in spite of what they say," Berger said. "They don't want that story out there. We're coordinating nationally, so why wouldn't they?"

Two civil rights groups seem to share Berger's skepticism. The Partnership for Civil Justice Fund and the National Lawyers Guild Mass Defense Committee have filed a Freedom of Information request for any communications between federal law enforcement agencies and local police related to the protests, according to The Examiner report.

On Tuesday, the Associated Press reported that mayors and police chiefs in cities around the country strategized with each other about how to deal with the Occupy protests.

From the AP:

As concerns over safety and sanitation grew at the encampments over the last month, officials from nearly 40 cities turned to each other on conference calls, sharing what worked and what hasn't as they grappled with the leaderless movement.

Berger said he believed all of the effort spent arresting and charging protestors would have been better spent investigating and prosecuting those responsible for the economic crisis -- a common complaint in the Occupy Wall Street movement.

"It speaks to how this country works right now that we saw such a giant investment in resources and huge amount of concern directed at the occupation while Wall Street gets off scot-free," Berger said. "If they spent half the time worrying about how to go after those criminals as they did going after us, we wouldn't even need to be out there."

Chandler, Matthew

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Alright, reworked:

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I responded on the record.

Off the record- consider your source. An anonymous quote in the Examiner.com

http://www.salon.com/2011/11/17/dhs_denies_ows_eviction_role/singleton/

From: Simon McCormack [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 5:31 PM

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Subject: Re: DHS Response to "Occupy Wall Street Crackdowns: Was The Federal Government Involved?"

Thank you Matthew. I will forward the emails I sent to the account I was told to use to request comment.

On Fri, Nov 18, 2011 at 5:16 PM, Chandler, Matthew <(b) (6)> wrote:

Mr. McCormack –

We did not receive an inquiry for this story. You may use the following, attributable to me:

"Any decisions on how to handle specific situations are dealt with by local authorities in that location. If a protest area is located on Federal property and has been deemed unsanitary or unsafe by the General Services Administration (GSA) or city officials, and they make a decision to evacuate participants, the Federal Protective Service (FPS) will work with those officials to develop a plan to ensure the security and safety of everyone involved."

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Matt

Matt Chandler

Press Secretary

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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And now Salon. This is getting legs. Any info would be greatly appreciated ASAP.

From: Davis, Robert M
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 2:32 PM
To: Spaulding, Suzanne; Cline, Richard K
Cc: Winchester, Robert L; (b) (6) (b) (6) Ortman, Chris; Chandler, Matthew; Llubes, Andrew; Inquiry, Media
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AP and CBS are asking about our relationship with cities dealing with "occupy protestors" ... how would we describe our activities?

From: Chandler, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 2:01 PM
To: 'MediaInquiry@DHS.gov'; Llubes, Andrew; Davis, Robert M
Cc: Colburn, Brent
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Eileen asked about this as well, adding Andrew and Bob. Is I/A or the fusion centers holding conf calls on this topic? Is FPS?

From: Shaban, Bigad [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 01:58 PM
To: 'MediaInquiry@DHS.gov' <MediaInquiry@DHS.gov>
Subject: CBS NEWS MEDIA REQUEST

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My name is Bigad Shaban and I am a correspondent with CBS News (national).

We'd like to request comment from the Department of Homeland Security concerning whether it, or any other federal agencies, offered any kind of assistance or advice to municipalities looking to dismantle their own Anti-Wallstreet "Occupy" protests.

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Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Reuters question and Occup encampments

Dear DHS,

Reuters is doing a story about the coordinated clearing of Occupy Wall Street encampments across the country. Our question is, did the Department of Homeland Security and/or the FBI help mayors coordinate the clearing of the sites? How?

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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Chandler, Matthew

From: Shaban, Bigad [redacted] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 3:19 PM
To: Chandler, Matthew
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I appreciate that. Looking forward to hearing back from you soon. Thanks so much.

From: Chandler, Matthew [mailto:[redacted]] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 12:17 PM
To: Shaban, Bigad
Subject: RE: CBS NEWS MEDIA REQUEST

Hello –

Thanks for your inquiry. Off the record, I'm happy to look into this, but there doesn't seem to be a source of this allegation. I read the underlying documents, and there is nothing attributed to DHS, beyond a vague mention of "homeland security" that could easily be a state department of homeland security. Will circle back.

Thanks,

Matt

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